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SUBJ: PSI SICILIAN REGIONAL SECRETARY RESIGNS

1. ON MAY 16, LUIGI GRANATA, A LAURICELLA PROTEGE, UNEXPECTEDLY RESIGNED AS SICILIAN REGIONAL SECRETARY OF THE PSI. GRANATA CITED THE NEED TO FILL LONG-VACANT PARTY POSTS AND THEREBY REVITALIZE THE LOCAL PARTY AS HIS REASON FOR STEPPING DOWN.
2. SEARCHING FOR GRANATA'S REAL MOTIVES, LOCAL ANALYSTS SEEM NOW TO FAVOR THE FOLLOWING SOMEWHAT TORTURED HYPOTHESES:
  - ABETTED BY THE MANCINIANI, SALVATORE LAURICELLA, SICILY'S PRINCIPAL DEMARTINIANO, IS TRYING TO HUMBLE PSI NATIONAL DEPUTIES NICOLA CAPRIA AND GASPARE SALADINO, TWO OF HIS OWN FORMER PROTEGES WHO HAVE SET UP LOCAL DEMARTINIANO CHAPTERS OF THEIR OWN.
  - MANY REGIONAL AND LOCAL "SOTTOGOVERNO" POSITIONS ARE NOW UP FOR GRABS AND GRANATA MAY BE TRYING TO PRE-POSITION HIMSELF FOR ONE OF THEM. (LAURICELLA HIMSELF IS A COME-LATELY CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE BANK OF SICILY).

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3 WHILE EITHER OF THE ABOVE ANALYSES IS AT LEAST PALUSIBLE, IT MUST ALSO BE ADDED THAT MORALE WITHIN THE LOCAL PSI IS AT AN ABYSMAL LOW DUE TO INTERNAL FEUDING, DC-PCI COLLUSION OVER THE SOCIALISTS' HEADS, AND LACK OF A CLEAR SENSE OF DIRECTION AND PURPOSE FROM THE NATIONAL PARTY. THE LOCAL PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, FOR EXAMPLE, RECENTLY TOLD US THAT THE PSI'S MAIN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ROLE NOW HAS BEEN REDUCED TO RUBBER-STAMPING PRE-AGREED DC-PCI

PROPOSALS. HE ALSO DESCRIBED DC-PCI COLLABORATION AS BEGINNING TO EAT INTO THE SOCIALISTS' TRADITIONAL PRESERVES OF PATRONAGE AND POWER.

4. COMMENT: WITH THE 1976 ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT OF SALADINO AND CAPRIA, AND THE TRANSFER TO ROME OF THEIR INTERESTS AND ENERGIES, THE LOCAL PSI APPARATUS AND ITS POSITIONS IN THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN MANNED BY MEDIOCRITIES WHO ARE CLEARLY NOT UP TO THE COMPETITION. THE INCLINATION TOWARD A "LEFTIST ALTERNATIVE" ON THE PART OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE PARTY'S RANK AND FILE AS A VEHICLE FOR EXPIATING THE PSI'S CENTER-LEFT SINS ALSO DOES NOT HELP.

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NET RESULT OF PSI'S PERFORMANCE GAP AND ITS LACK OF CLARITY ABOUT WHERE IT WANTS TO GO ONLY ADDS ENERGY TO THE MAGNETISM WHICH ALREADY EXISTS BETWEEN THE DC AND THE PCI.  
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